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for the present visit to this country. A few were of earlier date. It is interesting to note that through the generosity of Hon. Charles Nagel the St. Louis Museum was the first in America to possess a painting by Sorolla; and that from the painting of this early picture, "Another Marguerite," in 1892, which was shown in the St. Louis Exposition, dates the important period of his career. From the exhibition recently held two more of this master's works were purchased for the City Museum and a number of sales were made to individuals. In securing this exhibition the City Art Museum demonstrated again its progressive and broad policy.

During the year 1910 twenty-two special exhibitions were held in this Art Museum. These embraced the works of almost all the leading artists of America.

Just as this note goes to press news is received of the death, in London, of Mr. Halsey C. Ives, director of the City Art Museum. Though Mr. Ives has been in ill health for some time the end came suddenly and unexpectedly. His loss will be much felt.

#### ART IN TOLEDO

Twenty-one thousand school children in one year listened to lectures on Egypt in the Egyptian gallery at the Toledo Museum of Art. For the past six years special evenings have been set aside when the Museum has been open to working girls and their escorts. The Director and Assistant Director, furthermore, have for several years given talks at the noon hour to the girls in Toledo factories upon such subjects as "Simplicity in House Decoration," "Simplicity in Dress," "Art in Daily Life," each accompanied by practical illustrations. It is this service to the people which has led to the erection of a new Museum, a handsome and well-designed building now nearing completion. One aim of the new Museum will be to establish a vital relation between art and industries, the manufacturing interests of the city. In the interest of the new Museum a little booklet has recently been

issued from which these facts have been culled. Some excellent illustrations are shown of the public service rendered by the Museum, photographs of children and adults in attendance at the exhibitions and lectures being reproduced. Mr. George W. Stevens is director, his wife assistant director.

#### ART IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Louisville is endeavoring to secure a permanent art gallery. It has an Art Association now about two years old which was established for this purpose and is working toward this end in co-operation with the Public Library. Progress is being made. Four exhibitions were held at the Public Library under the auspices of the Association this winter—one of these, the exhibition of the Society of Western Artists, was attended by 14,600 persons. In addition to the exhibitions an illustrated lecture on American painting secured through the American Federation of Arts was given at the main library and in five branch libraries in February.

## NEWS ITEMS

Through the efforts of the Minnesota State Art Society the Legislature of Minnesota has recently granted an additional appropriation of approximately \$4,000 a year to be used in promoting the development of industrial art in the State. The Women's Clubs of Minnesota have assisted in the campaign for the establishment of this fund and have issued in its interest an excellent little leaflet telling why the State Art Society should have a much larger annual appropriation for this purpose. There is in Minneapolis, moreover, a wide-awake Handicraft Guild which conducts a summer school for craftsmen and does much toward increasing knowledge and appreciation.

The Metropolitan Improvement League of Boston has joined with a number of Boston artists and art lovers in asking for subscriptions toward securing